MILLBURN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Millburn, New Jersey
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REGULAR MEETING
Millburn Township Board of Education
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
7:00 PM – EDUCATION CENTER

The mission of Millburn Township Public Schools is to prepare resilient, capable learners who think critically, act compassionately, lead with integrity, aspire with purpose, communicate effectively, and evolve confidently.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of New Jersey, notice of this October 13, 2026, meeting of the Millburn Township Board of Education was posted electronically on the District website and provided on January 12, 2026, by sending notices to the Millburn-Short Hills Item, the Star-Ledger, the Millburn-Short Hills Independent Press, and the Township Clerk, along with posting at the Education Center.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. SILENT COUNT OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

E. MINUTES

1. Regular Public Meeting of Monday, September 28, 2026

F. PRESENTATIONS

1. Historical Society Interns - MHS Students, Ms. Dorothy Kelly (District Goal 4)

2. Demographic Study presentation (virtual) - Dr. Richard Grip and Ms. Meghan Grip from Statistical Forecasting LLC (District Goal 5)

G. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Welcome and Introduction of Student Representatives

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Fire/Security Drills for September

High School	September 4/September 14
Middle School	September 10/September 15
Deerfield	September 4/September 24
Glenwood	September 10/September 4
Hartshorn	September 10/September 8
South Mountain	September 5/September 9
Wyoming	September 3/September 16
Washington	September 4/September 8

I. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Program
2. Governance
3. Finance, Facilities, and Sustainability
4. Negotiations

J. OTHER REPORTS

1. Assistant Superintendent report

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- *Please state your name and address for the record.*
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0167 - Public Participation in Board Meetings

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide for two periods of public comments at every regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

1. *A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his or her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate.*

2. *Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to a reasonable time as determined by the presiding officer.*

3. *No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.*

4. *All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually.*

5. *The presiding officer may (a) Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant to the district; (b) Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum; (c) Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting; (d) Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

L. DISCUSSION

M. BOARD ACTION ITEMS **(Roll Call Votes)**

1. Instruction Agenda Items

a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education confirms the receipt of confidential information regarding the following HIB Investigation(s) and Report(s) that have occurred since the last Board Meeting:

- #312304
- #312306
- #312470

b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Professional Development Requests / Staff Conferences as per policy 6471, requiring prior approval of travel reimbursement expenses. (BOE Goal #1, #3 & District Goal # 2, # 3)

Name	Position/ Building	Conference Name & Location	Dates	Maximum Expenses
Emily Surman	Teacher/MMS	NJ Council for History Education	12/4/26	$95
Kristen Brynildsen	Supervisor/SS PK-12	NJ Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference	10/19/26	$100

Megan Farrell	Teacher/MMS	NJ Council for History Education	12/4/26	$95
Catherine Bachant	Teacher/MMS	NJ Council for History Education	12/4/26	$95
Chris Mesopotanese	Behaviorist	Annual Autism NJ Conference	10/22-10/23/26	$550 (IDEA funded)
Catherine Benedetto	Behaviorist	Annual Autism NJ Conference	10/22-10/23/26	$550 (IDEA funded)
Jennifer Stracquadanio	Behaviorist	Annual Autism NJ Conference	10/22-10/23/26	$550 (IDEA funded)
Jennifer Vozza	Behaviorist	Annual Autism NJ Conference	10/22-10/23/26	$550 (IDEA funded)
Mary Saydah	Spec Ed Teacher	Annual Autism NJ Conference	10/22/26	$300 (IDEA funded)
Cheryl Conklin	Teacher/MMS	NJ Council for History Education	12/4/26	$95

c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following professional services providers:

Vendor Name	**Address**	**Category**	**Rate**
LEADConnected	38 Middle Brook Drive Ocean, NJ 07712	Communication Services	$125/hour not to exceed 32 hours (Title II Funds)

d. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve additional Field Trips for SY 26-27 as listed below:

School	**Participants**	**Activity**	**Location**	**Date(s)**
Millburn High School	Grade 12 Social	Visit to Museum of	77 8th Ave, New York, NY 10014	11/12/26, 11/13/26

	Studies	Illusions, Perception		
Millburn High School	API/2D Art Classes	Students get feedback from colleges on their portfolio	Montclair Art Museum (MAM) 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey 07042	10/11/26
Millburn High School	API/2D Art Classes	Students practice urban sketching and see the current exhibit at the Whitney	Whitney Museum of American Art 99 Gansevoort St, New York, NY 10014	Late May (post AP exams)
Millburn High School	AP & Honors Art Classes	Students employ their observational drawing skills in an urban setting	Haagen Daaz 358 Millburn Ave, Millburn, NJ 07041	Spring (Typically April)

e. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Statement of Assurance for the School District Professional Development and Mentoring Plans for the 2026-2027 School Year.

2. Personnel Agenda Items

a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Personnel Report dated October 13, 2026 (Attachment M.2.a)

3. Business Agenda Items

a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following payment applications:

Vendor	Project	Pay App#	Amount

AMCO Enterprises, Inc.	Boiler replacement and HVAC upgrades	#7 FINAL	$63,417.17

b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following change orders/use of allowance:

Vendor	Project	Change Order/Allowance Use	Amount
AMCO Enterprises, Inc.	Boiler replacement and HVAC upgrades	CO#1 Final	-$361,946.60
Thomas & Sons Builders, LLC	Turf project	AO#1	$99,144.19

c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following donations:

Gift	To	Funded By	Value
Memorial Plaque - Elena Navas Gottberg	MMS	MMS PTO	$260.00
Leader in Me Membership	Washington School	Washington PTO	$5,625.00
Buehler Space Center - field trip	Washington School	Washington PTO	$19,520.00
Mural Project	Washington School	Washington PTO	$19,950.00
Author in Residence - Anna Crowley Redding	Washington School	Washington PTO	$12,000.00

d. Whereas, the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-1 et seq) permits award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids,

Whereas, the Board is in need of Architectural and Engineering Services as it pertains to a partial roof replacements at the Millburn High School, Millburn Middle School, and Hartshorn Elementary

Be it Resolved that the Board President and/or Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between Parette Somjen Architects and the Millburn Township Board of Education for such services in the amount of $253,900.00 (including reimbursables)

Be it Further Resolved, that the Millburn Township Board of Education authorize and approve the Interim Business Administrator to submit all necessary plans and paperwork for these projects, should it be required, as "School Facilities Project" to the Department of Education for approval, and

Be It Further Resolved, this project may be an amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, and the project is being funded through the capital reserve account.

A copy of the resolution will be posted on the District website pursuant to P.L. 2025, c.72. The contract/proposal is available for public inspection in the office of the Board of Education.

4. Special Services Agenda items

a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the out-of-district tuition agreements for student #'s for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Student #	**School**	**Aide**	**Add't service**	**Tuition**	**Total**
17843	Bergen County Special Services School District (Norman A Blesham Regional Day School)	$56,754	N/A	N/A	$56,754

5. Policy Agenda Items

a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the First Reading (Attachment M.5.a)

- P7230 Gifts, Grants, and Donations (REVISION)

N. OLD BUSINESS

O. NEW BUSINESS

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Q. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

R. ADJOURNMENT

2026 - 2027 Board Goals	
Board Goal 1	Strategic Plan Stewardship *Support the successful implementation of the Millburn Township Public Schools Strategic Plan by ensuring Board governance, policies, decisions, and priorities align with the district's mission, vision, values, and long-range strategic goals.*
Board Goal 2	Employee Relations *Cultivate a positive employee relations environment through collaborative negotiations, competitive employment practices, and strategic workforce planning that supports the recruitment, development, and retention of exceptional staff.*
Board Goal 3	Policy & Governance *Review and refine Board policies, administrative regulations, and governance practices to ensure alignment with district priorities, legal requirements, and best practices.*

2026 - 2027 District Goals	
District Goal 1	Safety & Wellness *Foster a district-wide culture in which every student and staff member feels safe, supported, connected, and empowered to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.*
District Goal 2	Teaching & Learning *Cultivate exceptional teaching and learning by providing every student with engaging, rigorous, and equitable educational experiences while supporting educators through collaboration, professional growth, and innovation.*
District Goal 3	Leadership, Governance, & Organizational Effectiveness *Cultivate a professional culture and governance system that promotes continuous growth and aligned practices across the District, ensuring all students experience high-quality learning and achieve their full potential.*
District Goal 4	Engagement *Cultivate a connected, inclusive, and engaged school community by strengthening communication, fostering meaningful partnerships with students, families, staff , and the community, and building a trusted district brand that promotes belonging, collaboration, and shared responsibility for student*

	success.
District Goal 5	Finance & Facilities *Develop and implement a long-range financial and facilities plan that strategically addresses the district's facilities, educational, and staffing needs while ensuring fiscal responsibility and sustainability.*
One Vision. One Future. One Millburn	